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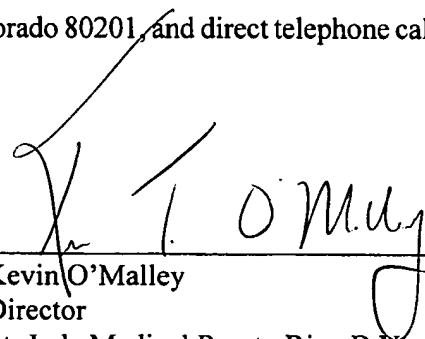
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POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Sir:

St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V., a Netherlands corporation, is the owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of a chain of title from the inventors to the current assignee as shown below:

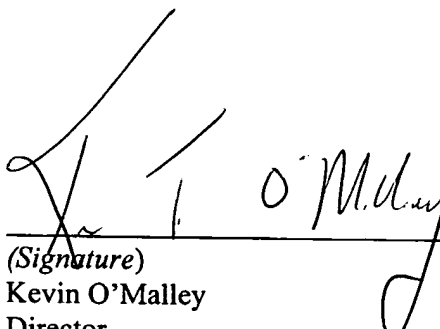
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To: St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V.

By assignment (a copy of the assignment document is attached).

The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of St. Jude Medical Puerto Rico B.V.

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1. Transmittal Letter with Certificate of Mailing included
2. PTO Return Postcard Receipt
3. Assignment (with Recordation Form Cover Sheet)
4. Submission Under 37 CFR § 3.73(B)
5. Power of Attorney
6. Fee Calculation Sheet
7. Check for \$40.00 for Assignment Recordation Fee

Deposit Account Authorization - The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any applicable fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2623.

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